

A Closer Look

By Ernest Kreiling

HOLLYWOOD—No one who went to the movies every week during the 30s and 40s, as most people did, will not want to miss ABC's Hollywood. The Fabulous Era, to be shown Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

David Wolper's hour-long nostalgic journey through three decades of Hollywood is certain to keep a soft reminiscent smile on your lips. From the night in 1927 when the movies became the talkies to the emergence of television, The Fabulous Era evokes myriad happy memories of the movies and the now fading epoch they reflected.

A STIFF SCENE from the first talking picture, The Lights of New York, will force a chuckle as a tuxedoed gangster leaning into the telephone that conceals the microphone, pronounces the famous death sentence, "Yes, take him for a ride." Such dramatic animation wasn't seen again for 20 years when Ed Sullivan came along.

And unless my ears were playing tricks on me, Mae West's famous line to Cary Grant, "Come up and see me some time," was actually, "Come up sometime, and see me."

MOST OF US have forgotten how ridiculously lavish the early musical productions were. Platoons of neon-trimmed violins and 40 white, serpentine pianos highlighted films that were billed as all talking, all dancing, all singing extravaganzas.

Dick Powell's crooning "I've Only Got Eyes for You" to Ruby Keeler effectively under scores the career of a man who in many ways typified the era. Scenes from 75 films, most of them milestones of one sort or another, are shown, many of them on television for the first time. Nelson Eddy serenading Jeannette MacDonald with "Indian Love Call," Rita Hayworth in her memorable

"Put the Blame on Mame," and 14-year-old Judy Garland singing "You Made Me Love You to a Picture of Clark Gable all help recall the fascination and charm of an earlier Hollywood.

THE EXTENT to which Hollywood has changed is perhaps emphasized best by scenes from part of Hollywood's answer to television—the monster films. Affectionately narrated by Henry Fonda, The Fabulous Era touches not so much on Hollywood as the fountainhead of popular art as on the results of its creative energy and dreams it spun for a depression-ridden and war-ridden nation.

FONDA OBSERVES that "Hollywood has changed, but that some of the magic remains. People will always look to pictures and sound to stir the heart, fire the imagination, and shape men's dreams." Though Hollywood still strives to do this, its Fabulous Era has passed and the dream factory has lost some of its glamour. Whether this is to be mourned or simply recorded as a fact of a swiftly racing 20th Century you can best decide for yourself after re-visiting those rocco days on Wednesday evening.

Consumption Of Gas Hits Recent High

Southern California residents, businesses and industries used a record amount of natural gas Jan. 12, according to figures just compiled by Southern California and Southern Counties Gas companies.

Total send-out by the two gas companies to all their customers Jan. 12 amounted to 3,131 billion cubic feet. Domestic customers alone used 2,169 billion cubic feet of gas during the record day send-out. The balance of the 3,131 billion cubic feet was used by industrial customers including steam electric generating plants.

THE DOMESTIC usage figure was near, but did not exceed the all time high for that category of 2,272 billion cubic feet established Jan. 22, 1962. Gas send-out remained high on Jan. 13 despite the usual reduced usage by business and industry. Domestic usage totaled 2,065 billion and total send out was 2,656 billion cubic feet.

GAS COMPANY officials pointed out that the Jan. 12 all time record send-out of 3,131 billion cubic feet of gas was more than twice the top send-out of the two local Gas companies in 1953. Top figure in that year was 1,406 billion cubic feet in one day.

"It is a source of satisfaction to us," they said, "that the Gas companies have been able during the past 10 years to bring in supplies sufficient to insure gas for all domestic consumers whenever and in whatever amounts they desire it, and at the same time supply most of the fuel for business and industry in this area of tremendous expansion."

Harbor Offers Electronics

Classes in electronics will be offered in the evening division during the spring semester at Harbor College.

The courses, which meet from 6:30 to 9:30 on various evenings starting the week of Feb. 4, include the fundamentals of electronics, AC fundamentals, electronic circuits, pulse circuits, introduction to microwaves, and electronic instruments.

"The electronics industry has its greatest concentration of opportunities within the United States right here in the greater Los Angeles area," said George Rainey, chairman of Applied Technology Division, "and the future in this field is unlimited. The demand for trained persons is very great."

Applications for admission to Harbor College for the Spring Semester are being accepted now at the Admissions Office of the college. All persons planning to attend the spring semester at the college must apply before the Jan. 25 deadline.

UCLA Offers Six Special Education Courses in Area

Six courses in Torrance and one in Lawndale make up a list of studies in special education which University Extension at UCLA has planned for this spring in the South Bay area.

The local courses, included in a wide listing of education courses, are specially planned to fulfill requirements of the special education credentials, and to supplement knowledge in this field.

The accredited courses are particularly planned for those working in special education and teachers preparing for credentials in this field.

TORRANCE classes will meet at North High School, 3620 W. 182nd St.

Topics, meeting days and instructors are:

The Education of Exceptional Children, Mondays 7 to 10 p.m., Feb. 4, Keith Hunsaker
Counseling and Guidance for the Handicapped, Mondays, 4 to 6:30 p.m., Feb. 4, Milton Miklas.

The Integration of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children in regular classrooms, Tuesdays 4 to 6:30 p.m., March 12, Carleida Moore.

The Education and Guidance of Children with Speech Handi-

cap., Thursdays 7 to 10 p.m. Feb. 7, Wade Mansur.

The Education and Guidance of Gifted Children and Youth, Tuesdays 7 to 9:30 p.m., Feb. 5, Elnora Schmadel.

Classroom Organization in Elementary Schools, Thursdays 7 to 9:30 p.m., Feb. 14, Judith Miller.

AT LAWNDALE High School: Dr. Norma Scheidemann lectures on Curriculum for Mentally Retarded Children on Wednesdays from 4 to 7 p.m. starting Feb. 6.

Enrollment is now open in these and other university extension spring courses. Per-

sons interested may enroll at the first class meeting. For further information and course descriptions, the spring bulletin of classes is available without charge on request to University Extension, UCLA, Los Angeles 24 (272-8911, station 3721).

MWD Re-elects Joseph Jensen

Joseph Jensen was unanimously re-elected to serve his eighth term as chairman of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California at a meeting of the Board on Jan. 15.

College Class Offers Credit

Two units of college credit will be offered by a course called Curriculum in the Secondary Schools.

The class will meet from 7 to 10 p.m. each Thursday at North High School, beginning Feb. 7. Heig Marashian, assistant principal in charge of instruction at South High School, will conduct the UCLA extension course.

Students may enroll by reporting to the first class meeting. Credit for the course can be applied toward supervision, administrative or general secondary credential.

Will Attend Dental Assn. Conferences

Doctors Arthur Berke and Ernest J. Tarr of Torrance are expected to be among some 1,400 dentists and dental hygienists attending the 67th annual scientific meeting of the University of California Dental Alumni Assn. at the St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco Jan. 27 and 28.

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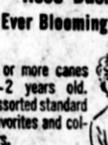
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- Choice part
- Former Russian ruler
- Segregated quarter of a city
- Ponders in the wind
- Boundary
- Vessels
- Exclamation
- Puss
- In a list
- Man's name
- Prent; down
- Ridge of a wave
- River in Germany
- Man's nickname
- Weapons
- Untrue
- Periods of time
- Partner
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- Substance
- Hebrew month
- European
- Tricks
- Behold!
- Bitter watch
- Fess
- Everyone
- Registered nurse (abbr.)
- Thick soup
- Of Celebes
- Style of automobile (pl.)
- Forgives
- Group of eight
- Goes by water

DOWN

- Scolded
- City in Nevada
- French for "summer"
- Near
- Mohammedan
- Band

11-Choice part
12-Former Russian ruler
13-Segregated quarter of a city
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7-Clan
8-Three-toed sloth
9-Football position (abbr.)
10-Coastlines
11-Grassy open space in forest
12-Portion
13-Swishing sound
14-Faustian
15-Unemployed position
16-Fencing position
17-Solemn attentions
18-Roman goddess
19-Lampreys
20-Moths
21-Imitator
22-Island in Malay Archipelago
23-Sleep
24-Appertions
25-Missile weapon
26-Most evil
27-Melody
28-Live plant
29-Stroke for "friend"
30-District of Columbia (abbr.)
31-Flabjontin; deity

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